

1. In a town called Peace Land, the supporters of the Fiesta football team learn that the supporters of the Jubilee football team in the nearby city, about 40 km away, have damaged the ground on which the final match between both teams is to be held on the following day. A crowd of Fiesta fans armed with deadly weapons attacked the homes of the supporters of the Jubilee football team in the town. In the attack, 10 men were killed, 5 women were gravely hurt, many homes were destroyed, and over 50 people were injured.

Imagine that you and your classmates are now part of the criminal justice system. First, divide the class into the following four groups of persons:

1. Police 2. Public Prosecutor 3. Defence Lawyer 4. Judge

The column on the right provides a list of functions. Match these with the roles that are listed on the left. Have each group pick the functions that it needs to perform to bring justice to those who were affected by the violence of the Fiesta fans. In what order will these functions be performed?

Roles	Functions
Police	Hear the witnesses
Public Prosecutor	Record the statements of witnesses
Defence Lawyer	Cross-examine the witnesses
Judge	Take photographs of burnt homes
	Record the evidence
	Arrest the Fiesta fans
	Writes the judgment
	Argue the case for the victims
	Decide the number of years for which the accused will be put in jail
	Examine the witnesses in court
	Pass the judgment
	Get the assaulted women medically examined
	Conduct a fair trial
	Meet the accused persons

Now, take the same situation but ask one student who supports the Fiesta Club to perform all the functions listed above. Do you think the victims would get justice if only one person performed all of the functions of the criminal justice system? Why not?

State two reasons why you believe that different persons need to play different roles as part of the criminal justice system.

Answer:

Role	Functions
<b>Police</b>	Records the statements of witnesses Takes photographs of burnt homes Arrests the Fiesta fans Gets the assaulted women medically examined
<b>Public Prosecutor</b>	Cross examines the witnesses Argues the case for the victims
<b>Defence Lawyer</b>	Meets the accused persons Examines the witnesses in court
<b>Judge</b>	Hears the witnesses Records the evidence Writes the judgement Decides for how many years the accused will be put in jail Passes the judgement Conducts a fair trial

The victim will not get justice if only one person performs all the functions of the criminal justice system because he could get influenced by various prejudices. Separation of power is necessary within a judicial system, too, since absolute power can lead to unfairness.

Two reasons why different people need to play different roles as part of the criminal justice system are as follows:

1. All the aspects of trial and investigation cannot be conducted by a single person, as it entails a diverse range of work, including arresting, recording the statements of witnesses, defending the victim and accused parties, passing a fair trial and judicially correct judgement.
2. If all the powers are vested in one person alone, they might be misused and thereby violate the laws based on justice and equal decision.

A single ideology may not be the right one, as it can affect the trial and the result of the case.